## **ABSTRACT**

A temporary storage device (21) includes a plurality of temporarily storing means (32), two in the disclosed embodiment, arranged parallel with each other in a lateral direction, wherein a linear body (16) is led from the outlet (X) of the temporarily storing means (32a) to the inlet (N) of the temporarily storing means (32b) by a guide means (39) so that, when the length of the temporarily stored linear body (16) is the same as a conventional one, the longitudinal length of the temporarily storing device (21) can be formed rather shorter than that of a conventional device and more specifically, the longitudinal length of the temporarily storing device (21) can be shortened approximately to a length obtained by dividing the longitudinal length of the conventional device by the number (i.e., two in this case) of the temporarily storage means (32). The temporarily storing device (21) can be thus generally made compact and easily installed also in an existing equipment.

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